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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, line 21 - page 16, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

By the way, in FIG. 1, also illustrated are a split prism 51 151 that branches the light flux in the horizontal direction (paper sheet vertical direction) just below a tube lens 9, a side port 52 152 that photographs the light flux branched by the split prism 51 151 by use of a TV camera and the like, and a focusing handle 11 that drives the revolver 7 holding plural objective lenses 6 upward and downward, and thereby changes the relative distance between the observation sample 2 on the stage 3 and the objective lens 6, then thereby sets focus on the observation sample 2.

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 1-5 with the following amended paragraph:

When to add another unit of TV camera or digital camera after attaching these image recording devices to the front port 18, it is possible to attach such an additional unit to the side port 52 152 via a TV adapter 36, which increased the expandability of a system.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2A, 3, 4 and 19. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4 and 19 replace the original sheets which includes Figs. 1-4 and 19. In Figs. 1, 2A, 3 and 4 reference numeral "51" has been changed to --151-- and reference numeral "52" has been changed to --152--. In Fig. 19, reference numeral "57d" (first occurrence) has been changed to --57d--.

Attachment: 3 replacement sheets

3 annotated sheets showing changes